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1. SUMMARY: IN A MEETING AUGUST 10 BETWEEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA AND THE AMBASSADOR, A NUMBER OF CSCE TOPICS WERE RAISED INCLUDING COMPOSITION OF THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO THE MAIN CONFERENCE, GOR INITIATIVES IN BASKET I, THE RECENT REPORT OF THE US CSCE COMMISSION, AND A POSSIBLE VISIT OF CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO ROMANIA. END SUMMARY.

2. THE AMBASSADOR THANKED GLIGA FOR THE GOOD ROMANIAN CO-
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OPERATION WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION DURING THE RECENTLY CON-
CLUDED BELGRADE CSCE PREPARATORY MEETING. GLIGA AGREED THAT THIS COOPERATION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED DURING THE FALL CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT THE GOR HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHO WOULD LEAD ITS DELEGATION, BUT THAT CERTAINLY AMBASSADOR VALENTIN LIPPATTI WOULD DO THE BULK OF THE NEGOTIATING BECAUSE OF HIS EXPERIENCE.

3. GLIGA STATED THAT THE GOR BELIEVES THAT THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE HAS LAID A GOOD GROUND WORK FOR THE MAIN CONFERENCE, BUT FRANKLY THE GOR DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT MUCH PROGRESS IN ANY ASPECT HAS BEEN MADE SINCE HELSINKI. IN FACT, THE BASKET I DISARMAMENT SITUATION IS IN SOME RESPECTS WORSE NOW THEN IT WAS WHEN THE HELSINKI ACCORDS WERE SIGNED IN TERMS OF THE MILITARY FORCES DEPLOYED IN EUROPE. IN REFERENCE TO BASKET I (AND BEARING IN MIND REPORTS ON ROMANIAN INITIATIVES FOR ARMS REDUCTION (REFTEL B, PARA 6), THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOR HAD SOME PROPOSALS TO MAKE. GLIGA SAID THAT THE GOR HAD INDEED SOME IDEAS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, BUT NO FINAL POSITION HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON YET. IT WAS RELATIVELY EASY, HE NOTED, TO FLOAT A VARIETY OF PROPOSALS EARLIER IN THE YEAR, BUT NOW WITH THE ACTUAL CONFERENCE APPROACHING IT WAS IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON THOSE WHICH HAVE SOME CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTED. IT WAS THIS REFINING PROCESS WHICH IS STILL GOING ON WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE REALIZED THERE MIGHT BE SOME GOR SENSIBILITIES ABOUT DISCUSSING PROPOSALS IN THE MILITARY FIELD WITH THE U.S. IN ADVANCE GIVEN OUR RESPECTIVE ALLIANCE ROLES. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE CLEARLY POINTS ON WHICH WE DISAGREE WITH THE KNOWN GOR POSITION. NONETHELESS HE FELT THERE WERE SOME POINTS WHICH WE COULD WELL DISCUSS AHEAD OF TIME TOGETHER. GLIGA AGREED. IN FACT, HE SAID, PRESIDENT CARTER'S DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS NOW SHOWED THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS MAKING THIS A KEY ISSUE AND THEREFORE ROMANIA LOOKED FORWARD TO U.S. INITIATIVES AT BELGRADE. IT WAS LEFT THAT GLIGA WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WHEN ROMANIAN BASKET I IDEAS WERE IN A MORE CLARIFIED STAGE.

5. THE AMBASSADOR THEN SWITCHED TO THE CONFERENCE ITSELF AND REMINDED GLIGA THAT OUR DELEGATION WOULD INCLUDE SOME CONGRESSMEN--FASCELL WHO HEADS THE CONGRESSIONAL CSCE COMMISSION AND CONGRESSWOMAN FENWICK WHO WAS HERE WITH THE ALBERT DELEGATION. AS GLIGA PROBABLY ALREADY KNEW, THE COMMISSION HAD RECENTLY PUBLISHED A REPORT. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT THIS REPORT REPRESENTED THE VIEWS OF THE COMMISSION AND NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH WOULD BE PRESENTED AT BELGRADE; MR. VEST HAD ALREADY MADE THE SAME POINT TO AMBASSADOR NICOLAE (REF A). GLIGA SAID THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR NICOLAE WHO SAID THAT IT DID NOT PUT ROMANIA IN A VERY GOOD LIGHT, STRESSING ASPECTS THAT WERE TOO GLOOMY. THE GOR IS CONCERNED THAT THE REPORT AT LEAST BE OBJECTIVE AND NOT CONTAIN ERRORS OF FACT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT, AS GLIGA WOULD RECALL, CONGRESSWOMAN FENWICK HAD WANTED TO VISIT ROMANIA LAST FALL TO DISCUSS CSCE BUT THAT THE GOR HAD NOT AGREED. WE HAD

ARGUED AT THE TIME THAT THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOR TO SET OUT ITS POSITION.

6. IN ANY EVENT, THERE WAS NO NEED TO REHASH THE PAST. IF THE GOR SOUGHT MORE OBJECTIVITY, THEN A GOOD CHANCE WOULD PRESENT ITSELF THIS FALL TO INVITE SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE PART OF THE U.S. DELEGATION IN BELGRADE TO COME TO ROMANIA. THE AMBASSADOR SAIS HE HAD BROACHED THIS IDEA TO CONGRESSMAN FASCELL AND CONGRESSWOMAN FENWICK WHEN IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH AND BOTH HAD BEEN DEFINITELY INTERESTED, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT SURE HOW LONG THEY WOULD BE STAYING IN BELGRADE GIVEN THE PRESSURES OF THEIR CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT HE WAS RAISING THE IDEA AT THIS STAGE AS SOMETHING FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE GOR TO THINK ABOUT. GLIGA MADE NO COMMITMENT BUT SEEMED INTRIGUED WITH THIS APPROACH AS A WAY OF STARTING SOME DIALOGUE WITH COMMISSION MEMBERS.
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